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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Security

FROM: R. W. Manners
Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

SUBJECT: OS Support to FBIS Modernization Program ☐

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1. FBIS is in the middle of a multi-year modernization program. One significant aspect of this program is the Automated FBIS System (AFS) which recently met several major milestones with the installation of computer systems in Reston and in our overseas collection sites. These milestones could not have been achieved without the excellent support FBIS has received from the Office of Security. ☐

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2. Without the assistance of the Physical and Area Security Group in developing workable and reasonable procedures for the escorting and control of uncleared industrial contractors, we would not have been able to install our Reston computer system. They were particularly good at responding to escort requirements on short notice. The Information Security Group assisted in the development of security guidelines and procedures for the AFS over the past 4 years. Of particular note was their sensitivity to FBIS operational needs in a non-secure environment, particularly in our overseas sites. The Tempest Division helped to schedule the survey of Reston ☐ in time for us to make major equipment decisions without adverse impact on the automation contract schedule. This alone has saved many dollars on the program. We also appreciate their continued support in identifying equipment to meet our needs. Finally, the Clearance and Polygraph Divisions and the various Field Offices have been very expeditious in the processing of industrial contractor staff-like clearances. Most clearances were completed within 60 days. Although we lost several key people in the process, the Office of Security has worked with us to minimize the impact of security disapprovals whenever possible. ☐

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3. We appreciate the support which your office has provided during this challenging time for FBIS. ☐

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